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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.	PCT/JP 00/03881
International Filing Date	15.06.00
PCT International Application JAPANESE PATENT OFFICE Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	
Applicant's or agent's file reference (if desired)(12 characters maximum)	2635WO0P

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;">Benzimidazole Compound Crystal</div>	
Box No. II APPLICANT <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FUJISHIMA Akira</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1-6, Fujigaoka 1-chome, Sanda-shi, HYOGO 669-1547 JAPAN</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This person is also inventor.</p> <p>Telephone No.</p> <p>Facsimile No.</p> <p>Teleprinter No.</p> </div> </div>	
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Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)</i> <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> Patent Attorney, Registered No. 11404, TAKAHASHI Shuichi c/o Osaka Plant of Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd. 17-85, Jusohonmachi 2-chome, Yodogawa-ku, Osaka-shi, OSAKA 532-0024 JAPAN </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> Telephone No. 03-3278-2235 Facsimile No. 03-3278-2222 Teleprinter No. </div>
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1. *If, in any of the Boxes, the space is insufficient to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No." [indicate the number of the Box] and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:*
 - (i) *if more than two persons are involved as applicants and/or inventors and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;*
 - (ii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;*
 - (iii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;*
 - (iv) *if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are further agents: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;*
 - (v) *if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "patent of addition," or "certificate of addition," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "continuation" or "continuation-in-part": in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;*
 - (vi) *if, in Box No. VI, there are more than three earlier applications whose priority is claimed: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI;*
 - (vii) *if, in Box No. VI, the earlier application is an ARIPO application: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI", specify the number of the item corresponding to that earlier application and indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for which that earlier application was filed.*
2. *If, with regard to the precautionary designation statement contained in Box No. V, the applicant wishes to exclude any State(s) from the scope of that statement: in such case, write "Designation(s) excluded from precautionary designation statement" and indicate the name or two-letter code of each State so excluded.*
3. *If the applicant claims, in respect of any designated Office, the benefits of provisions of the national law concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty: in such case, write "Statement concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty" and furnish that statement below.*

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM ☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box

Filing Date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item(1) 17.06.99	Patent Application 11-171509	Japan		
item(2)				
item(3)				

☒ The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office) identified above as item(s) : (1)

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, it is mandatory to indicate in the Supplemental Box at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(iii)). See Supplemental Box.

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)
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ISA / E P

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year)

Number

Country(or regional Office)

Box No. VIII CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains the following number of sheets:

request : 5
description (excluding
sequence listing part) : 27
claims : 1
abstract : 1
drawings : 0
sequence listing part
of description : 0
Total number of sheets : 34

This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. ☒ fee calculation sheet
2. ☒ separate signed power of attorney
3. ☐ copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
4. ☐ statement explaining lack of signature
5. ☐ priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):
6. ☐ translation of international application into (language):
7. ☐ separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material
8. ☐ nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form
9. ☐ other (specify) :

Figure of the drawings which
should accompany the abstract:

Language of filing of the
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English

Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

TAKAHASHI Shuichi

UCHIYAMA Tsutomu



Shuichi TAKAHASHI



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2. Drawings:

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purported international application:

4. Date of timely receipt of the required
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5. International Searching Authority
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Date of receipt of the record copy
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30 JUNE 2000

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 2635W00P	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
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Applicant FUJISHIMA, Akira et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of Invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**CRYSTALLINE FORM OF
(R)-2-[[[3-METHYL-4-(2,2,2-TRIFLUOROETHOXY)-2-PYRIDINYLMETHYL]SULFINYL]-1H-BENZIMIDAZOLE**

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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International Application No

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07D401/12 A61K31/44 A61P1/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C07D A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 98 21201 A (TAKEDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.) 22 May 1998 (1998-05-22) claims 1-10 ---	1-7
Y	EP 0 174 726 A (TAKEDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.) 19 March 1986 (1986-03-19) cited in the application claims 1-10 ---	1-7
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A	EP 0 302 720 A (TAKEDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.) 8 February 1989 (1989-02-08) claims 1-8 ---	1-7
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

19 September 2000

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Y	<p>CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS, vol. 124, no. 25, 17 June 1996 (1996-06-17) Columbus, Ohio, US; abstract no. 331460p, H. KATSUKI ET AL.: "Determination of R(+)- and S(-)-lansoprazole using chiral stationary-phase liquid chromatography and their enantioselective pharmacokinetics in humans" page 19; XP002147768 abstract & PHARM. RES., vol. 13, no. 4, 1996, pages 611-615, -----</p>	1-7

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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION
Benzimidazole Compound Crystal

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- (iii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;*
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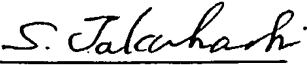
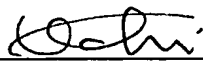
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description (excluding sequence listing part) : 27	2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney
claims : 1	3. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
abstract : 1	4. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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International application No. PCT/JP 00/03881	International filing date (day/month/year) 15/06/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 17/06/1999
Applicant FUJISHIMA, Akira et al.		

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5. With regard to the abstract,

- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
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- ☒ None of the figures.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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D,Y	EP - B1 - 0 005 129 (AKTIEBOLAGET HASSLE) * Page 4, lines 39-59; example 1; formula II,I,III * --	1	
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Place of search VIENNA		Date of completion of the search 04-10-1988	Examiner HAMMER
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons & : member of the same patent family, corresponding document			

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC6: C07D 401/12, C07D 235/28

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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X	Chem. Pharm. Bull., Volume 42, No 3, March 1994, Shin-ichi Yamada et al, "Syntheses and Antiulcer Activities of Novel 2-((6,7,8, 9-Tetrahydro-5H-Cyclohepta(b)Pyridin-9-Yl)Sulfinyl) -1H-Benzimidazole Analogues" page 718 - page 720 -- -----	33,34

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 11-15, 19-21
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
A method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy,
see rule 39.1.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 30 and 32
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The compounds according to claims 30 and 32 are not included in formula I in claim 1. According to Article 6, the claims shall be clear and concise.
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference GR98P8538P	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/DE99/00889	International filing date (day/month/year) 19 March 1999 (19.03.99)	Priority date (day/month/year) 31 March 1998 (31.03.98)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H01H 33/36		
Applicant SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.	
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
These annexes consist of a total of <u>2</u> sheets.	
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:	
I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basis of the report
II <input type="checkbox"/>	Priority
III <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
IV <input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of unity of invention
V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
VI <input type="checkbox"/>	Certain documents cited
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VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 26 October 1999 (26.10.99)	Date of completion of this report 12 May 2000 (12.05.2000)
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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 1-5, as originally filed,
 pages _____, filed with the demand,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
 Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
 Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
 Nos. 1-3, filed with the letter of 03 April 2000 (03.04.2000),
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1/1, as originally filed,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

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4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The subject matter of the invention differs from DE-A-2 244 793 (D1), which represents the closest prior art, by the features of the characterizing part of Claim 1. The technical problem addressed by the invention consists in facilitating the structural adaptation of drive devices to the movable contact members of various vacuum contact-breakers that require various tangential forces and displacement strokes.

This problem is solved by the features of Claim 1. Claim 1 and Claims 2 and 3, which are dependent on it, should therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Pursuant to PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), the description should cite the document D1 and briefly outline the relevant prior art contained therein.